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11. (U) Sensitive but unclassified. Not for public Internet.

12. (SBU) On December 7, PolOff met with Zauresh Gabdaulinova of MFA's Cultural and Humanitarian Cooperation Division to deliver reftel points on the "defamation of religions" resolution. Gabdaulinova said the Government of Kazakhstan is still forming its position on the resolution, but underlined that the U.S. position will be taken under "careful consideration." She promised to keep PolOff informed on Kazakhstan's position.

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